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ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE CONTRACT (ESPC) VEHICLES

SYNOPSIS:

Air Force installations have three vehicles for access to ESPCs to get the investment needed to meet mandated energy reductions and perform infrastructure improvements. Those vehicles are (1) six Air Force Regional Energy Savings Performance Contracts (RESPC), (2) two Army Corps of Engineers (COE), Huntsville District, RESPCs (available by either of two means), and (3) individual base-wide contracts.

1. AIR FORCE REGIONALS:

The AFCESA energy staff has made ESPC available to all installations in the US. Regional Contracting Officers (RCO) have awarded Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contracts for ESPC services that are available to all bases in their respective regions. The AFCESA energy staff supports each RCO in managing these contracts and assumes as much of the overhead work associated administering the RESPC as possible. Each base can request ordering authority through AFCESA. AFCESA is also helping develop RESPCs for Japan, Korea, and Europe.

2a. ARMY REGIONALS (MOA OPTION):

AFCESA and Huntsville signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that allows Air Force bases to place delivery orders under an Army regional contract once AFCESA certifies they are trained and ready to do ESPC. Installations interested in utilizing this vehicle to do ESPC should contact AFCESA for additional information. This process is very similar to the one used on the Air Force regional contracts.

2b. ARMY REGIONALS (FULL SERVICE OPTION):

Under the full service option, the Huntsville COE does the contracting, the local district COE does the engineering, and the base works with both. A three party MOA is required for this process. The installation places one percent of its annual energy budget in an escrow account for Huntsville to charge against. Funds not used are returned to the base before the end of the fiscal year and a new escrow account is started at the beginning of the next fiscal year. Installations interested in utilizing this vehicle to do ESPC should contact AFCESA for additional information.

Contracting Officer (Requesting Base)	Forwards coordinated memo to HQ AFCESA/CES requesting use of RESPC
HQ AFCESA/CES	Provides training for base personnel
Regional Contracting Officer (RCO)	Delegates ordering authority to base
Contracting Officer	Invites ESCO to pre-performance contract meeting
ESCO	Conducts preliminary site survey, delivers Phase I Report
Contracting Officer	After approval of Phase I Report notifies RCO & HQ AFCESA of potential cost, requests tracking number and approval to proceed
RCO	Determines if adequate headroom is available, notifies LGC & AFCESA, obtains RESPC tracking number from AFCESA
Contracting Officer	Directs ESCO to perform Phase II
ESCO	Conducts facility energy audit & economic analysis
Contracting Officer	Upon CE review/approval, notifies RCO & AFCESA
ESCO	Starts infrastructure improvements

AIR FORCE REGIONAL ESPC PROCEDURES

3. INDIVIDUAL BASE:

Bases may pursue their own ESPC, and AFCESA will assist as resources permit. The normal lead time for awarding an ESPC is nine months to one year. The RESPCs reduce the time to get started

doing a project to about one month because the up-front solicitation, evaluation, and award are already completed.

No additional competition is required to use the regional contract. Installations interested in utilizing this vehicle to do ESPC should contact AFCESA for more information.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE):

The DOE Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) office is in the process of establishing six regional ESPCs. They are establishing technology-specific, countrywide ESPCs (photovoltaic, geothermal heat pumps, concentrating collectors, etc.). Air Force installations are prevented from using the DOE contracts because of the restrictions placed on Economy Act transactions by the Air Force Federal Acquisition Regulation (AFFAR) Supplement. DOE/FEMP has legislation that allows them to charge installations for the use of their contracts. For additional information please contact AFCESA.

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